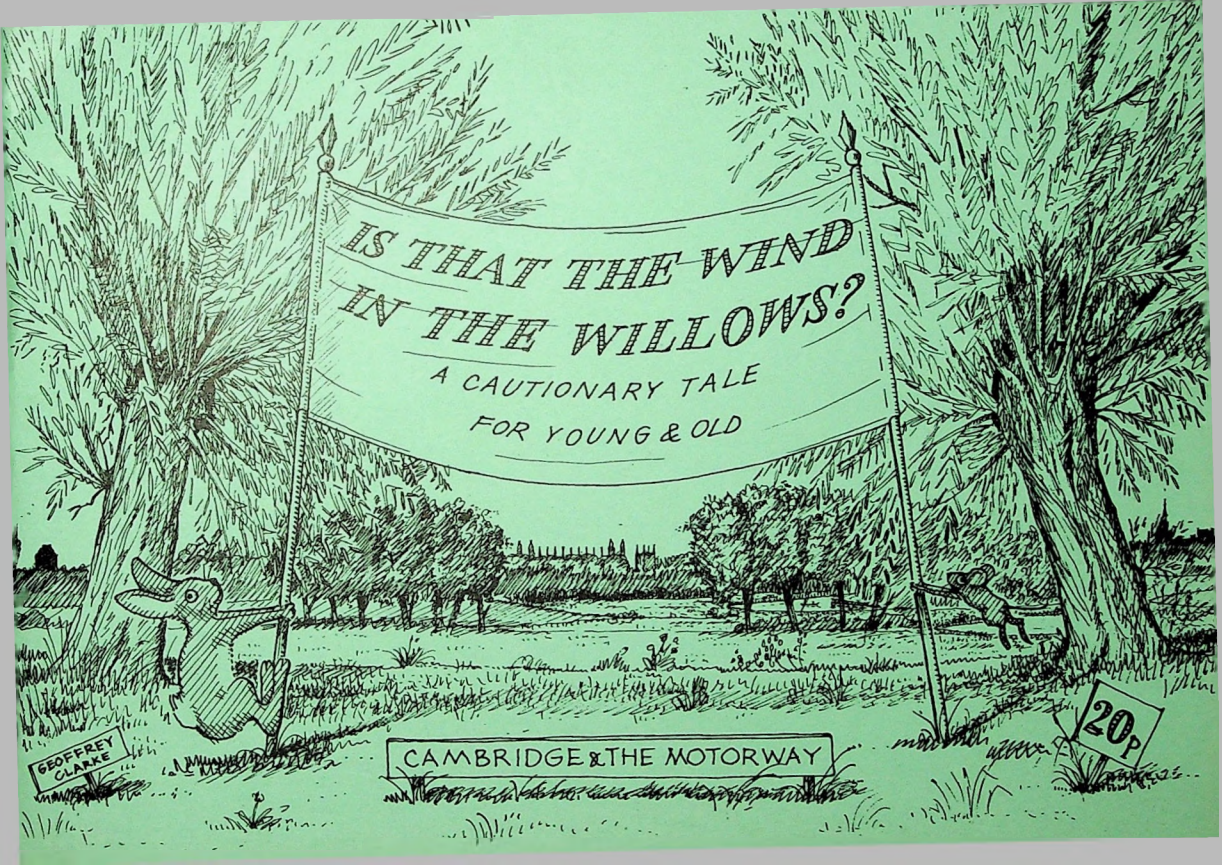
IS THAT THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS?
A CAUTIONARY TALE FOR YOUNG & OLD
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CAMBRIDGE & THE MOTORWAY
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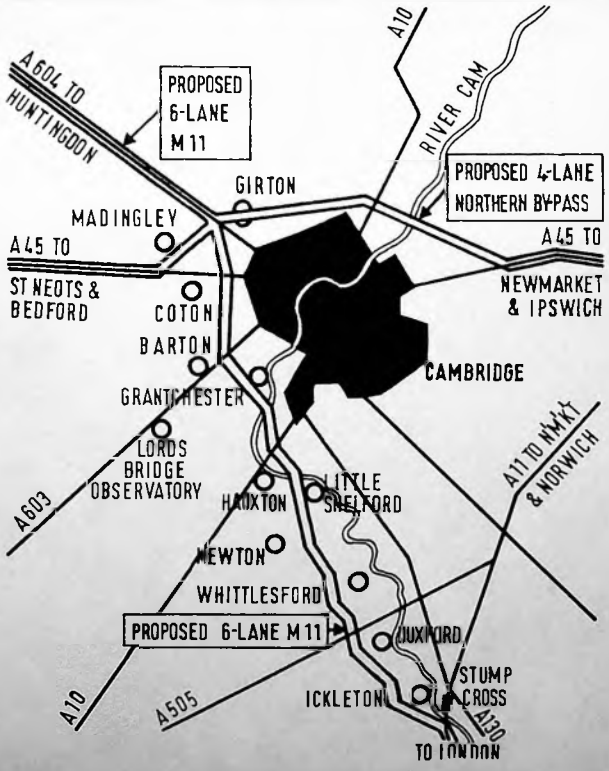
to the Motorway Children - Tom & Georgia

The M11, properly the Norwich motorway, was originally planned to link London and the North with Stansted - then to be the third airport.

It is still proposed to divert this 6-lane motorway to one mile west of Cambridge, taking over the route and name of a Western Bypass.

This will bring a NEW N-S freight route of international magnitude unnecessarily close to a historic town - it will act as a magnet, creating traffic pressures on the area - it cannot function as a relief road to reduce city congestion caused by increasing local traffic.

For this, a second road, to run between the M11 and western Cambridge, has been approved. It is to cut through a quiet residential district and a favourite recreational area by the river - the distinctive feature of ancient university still partly set among fields, fens and wooded countryside will be irretrievably lost.

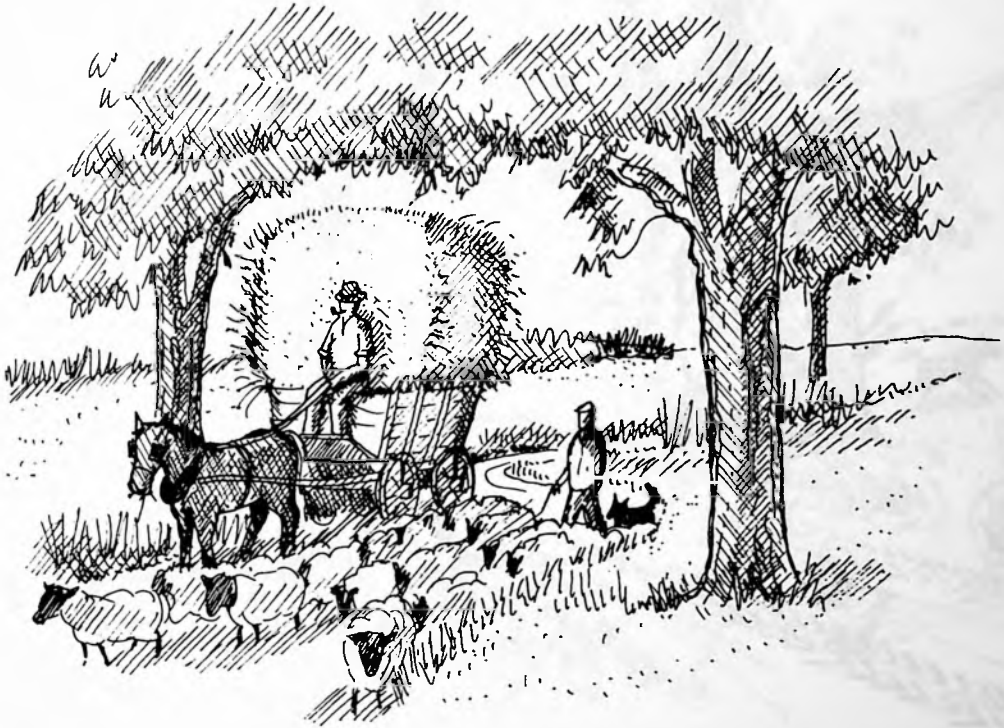


INQUIRY into the PROPOSED ROUTEING of the M11:
postponed from May 1971 to early 1972

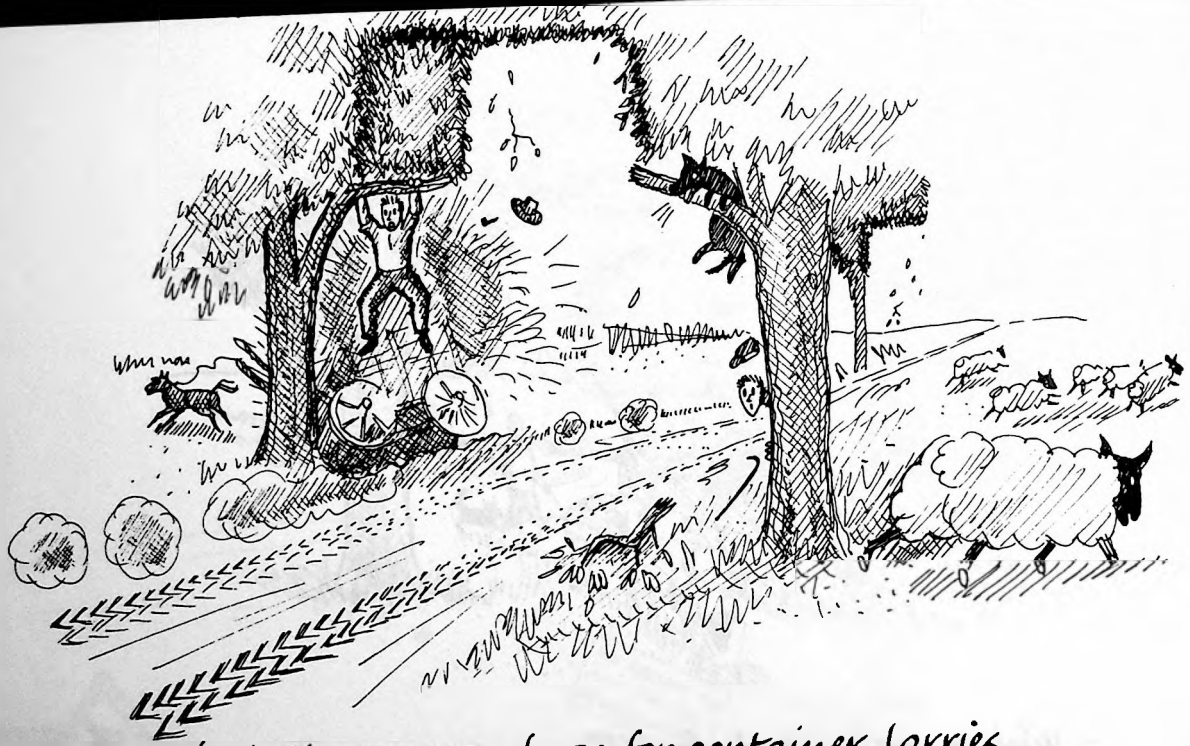
All previous objections have been cancelled by the Department of the Environment.
These must now be reaffirmed - and NEw OBJECTIONS may be made - by 14th DECEMBER 1971:
write, Ref. CE 411/10/26, to:

the Director
Eastern Road Construction Unit
59 Goldington Road, BEDFORD

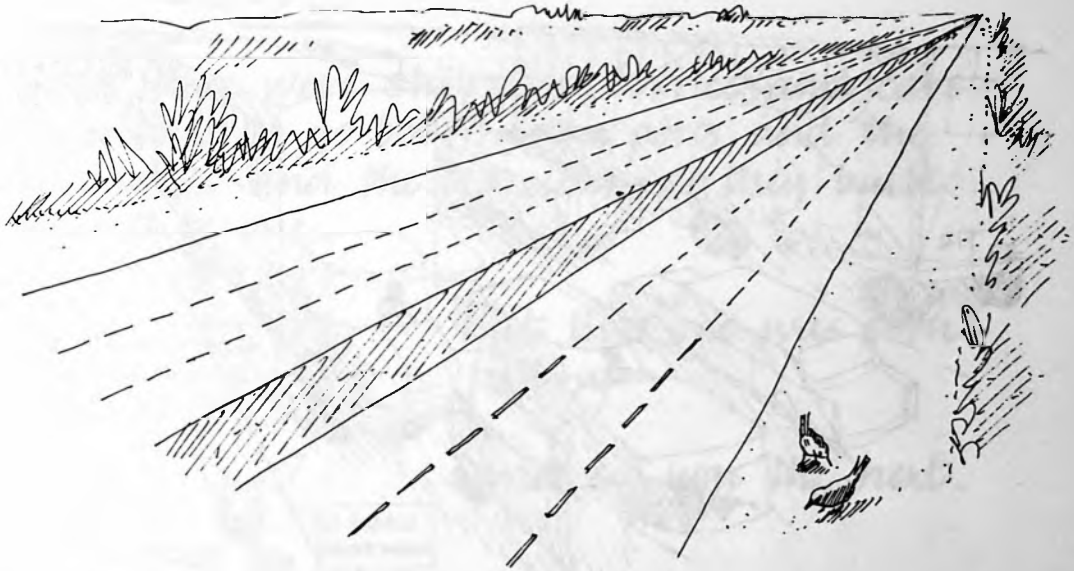
ONCE upon a time,
there was a beautiful country,
with lots of twisty old roads—



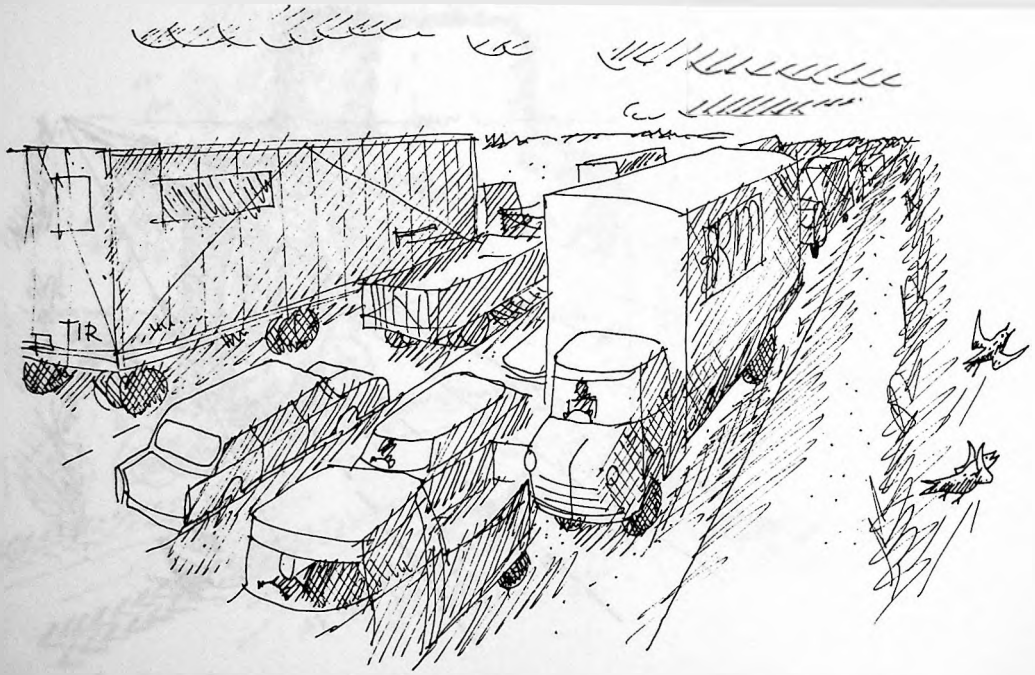
– which were good for haycarts and
flocks of sheep –



—but the wrong shape for container lorries and things—

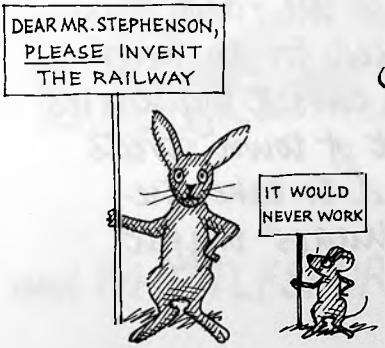


So the people built a lovely new straight wide road —



–and all the big lorries and fast cars used it, and everyone was happy.

But there were still more lorries and cars wanting to go between the ports and the factories and the big cities, so they built another one.



But this one was soon full up –

and so was the next.

Well, they said, we still have room for one more.

It is a bit close to all these villages and towns,

but we will say
it is the road they
asked for, to keep
the cars & big lorries
out of town streets
and to take the
villages' traffic.

But people in –

ICKLETON

and DUXFORD

and WHITTLESFORD

and NEWTON

and LITTLE SHELFORD

and HAUXTON

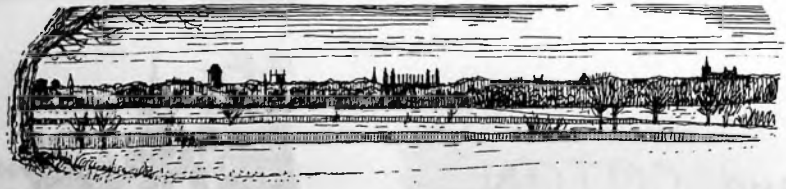
and GRANTCHESTER

and BARTON

and COTON

and MADINGLEY

and GIRTON



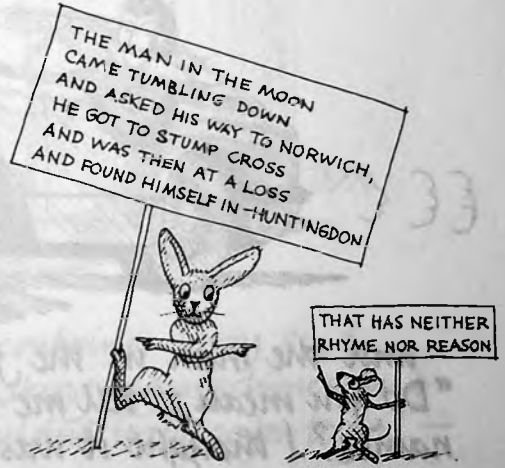
and CAMBRIDGE

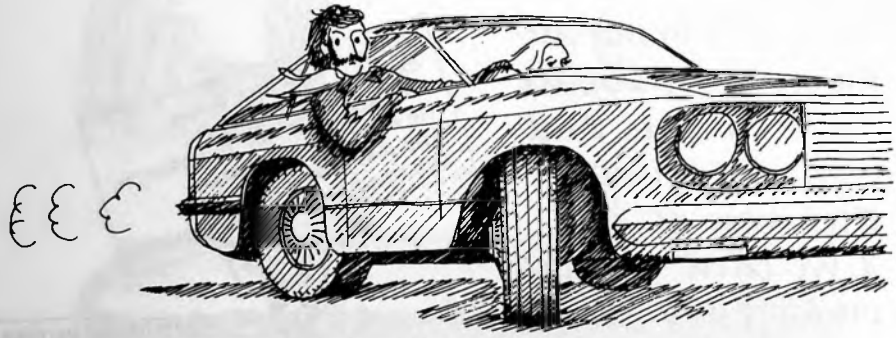
-said, "This isn't the road we asked for at all.

This is a GREAT BIG MOTORWAY

that will bring all
the lorries and cars
right past us that
weren't coming
this way at all,
& we can't even get
on & off it ourselves."

But it was too late-

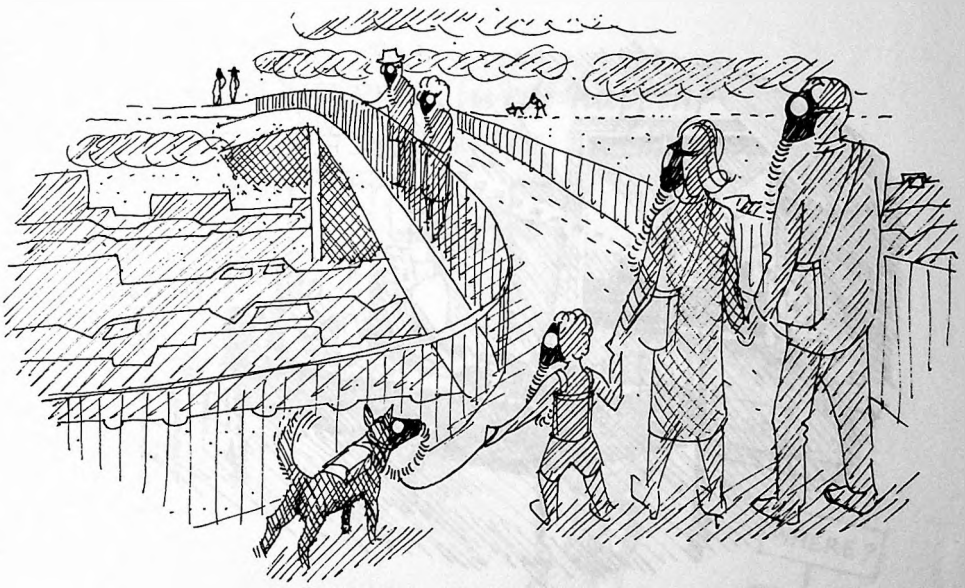




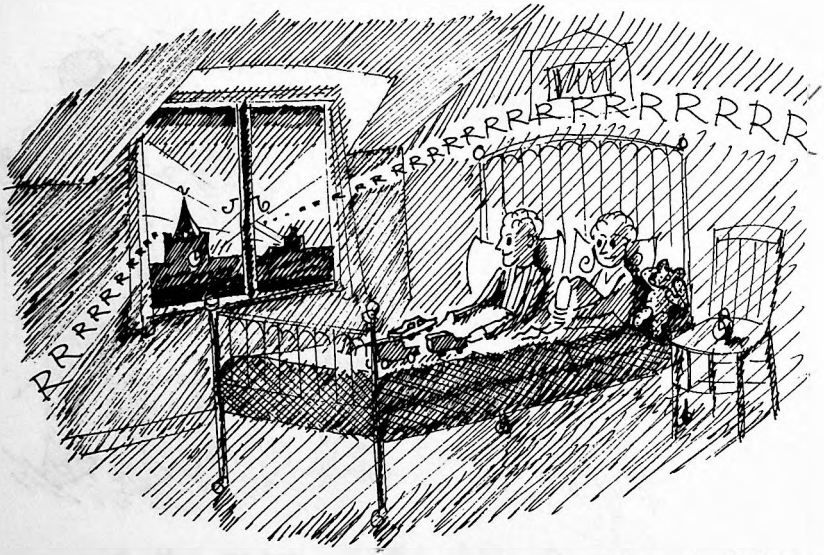
– and the man in the fast car said,
"Do you mean to tell me those places have
names? I thought it was all part of LONDON."–

—and the man in the container lorry said,
"Why don't you start making big machines and
things here, then I wouldn't have so far to go?"—

— and the man at the famous radio-telescope at Lord's Bridge, instead of having to listen to the stars, got all sorts of exciting new noises from the motorway instead —



–and the people who lived nearby, instead of going for boring walks in the fields or by the river, could go out on fine afternoons to watch the cars & lorries–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– so everyone lived happily ever after

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